

SB 128 – Ad Astra Opportunity Tax Credit

Proponent Testimony

Written Testimony

Full Name, Title

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Dear Honorable Chairman Tyson, Vice-Chair Peck, Ranking Minority Holland, and Committee Members:

I am writing to ask you to please support SB 128!

It is past time for Kansas to pass school choice legislation. I have chosen not to send my daughter, who is now 7, to public school because the way of schooling does not align with my values. Without going into detail—since it is clearly my right to make such a parenting choice—I send my child to a small, private, accredited school near Lawrence, Kansas.

Since she was 3 years old, I have paid thousands of dollars a year for this school which we both very much love. She's now in first grade, and this year, I will pay \$9600 for her tuition. As a single mother working full-time, this takes almost a third of my paycheck. It is a real financial stressor, but nothing is more important to me than where and how my child spends every day, so I manage it. But I shouldn't have to pay both this and the taxes for public education I am also required to pay.

I kindly ask for your support of SB 128 for these reasons.

Sincerely,
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